CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
APRIL 6, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Pastor Paul Berry of Calvary Chapel gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Principal Planner Dana Eady, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Community Programs Manager Rosie Rojo, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Interim Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 4-10, 2021, as National Library Week in the City of Santa Maria. The Proclamation will be delivered to the Library.

B. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 5-9, 2021, as National Community Development Week in the City of Santa Maria. The Proclamation was accepted by Community Programs Manager, Ms. Rojo.

C. Mayor Patino presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2021, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Santa Maria. The Proclamation was accepted by Community Programs Manager, Ms. Rojo on behalf of the Legal Aid Foundation.

D. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2021, as National Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Santa Maria. Alison Wales, Associate Director of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Abuse Protection Agency, accepted the Proclamation.

E. Councilmember Waterfield presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2021, as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Santa Maria. Alison Wales, Associate Director of the North County Rape Crisis and Child Abuse Protection Agency, accepted the Proclamation.

F. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2021, as National Donate Life Month in the City of Santa Maria. Scott Burns, with the Donate Life Registry, accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City received 16 written communications, and signature petitions containing 563 signatures, objecting to Consent Calendar Item 3C (adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-02 regulating mobile car wash businesses).

One anonymous written comment was received in support of Ordinance 2021-02.

Staff also received one phone call in support of Ordinance 2021-02.

Rene Silva, Manuel Delgado, Chris Barajas, Manuel Estrada, Miguel Pena, Marc Coltman (wife spoke), and Jaime Garduno spoke against Ordinance 2021-02.

John MacKinnon encouraged the City to look at funding additional supercharging stations other than just Tesla (Item 3H on the Consent Calendar).

David Bixby thanked the City Council for their support and spoke about the Salvation Army and their activities in the community.

Robin Palmerston spoke about COVID-19 educational and early-care professionals who have provided safe spaces for children, and the 50th Anniversary of Month of the Young Child recognizing the importance of these professionals in the City.

Ken Bullard, speaking on behalf of the Los Padres Sierra Club, commented on the supercharging stations (Item 3H on the Consent Calendar) and encouraged the City Council to support them.

In response to public comment expressing concern over supercharging stations being blocked by non-charging cars parking in charging spaces, City Manager Stilwell commented that the Tesla charging station agreement specifies that Tesla will notify the City if any spaces are blocked. To help prevent any issues, the chargers will be in a public area that is patrolled regularly by the City Rangers.

Concerning the Ordinance regulating mobile car wash businesses, City Attorney Watson commented that the City supported small businesses and encouraged local entrepreneurs to work. The State imposed wastewater regulations, however, City staff remains committed to treating everyone fairly and helping businesses thrive. Workshops, in English and Spanish, would be held to help educate the public on the stipulations of the Ordinance. Staff would review the Ordinance in the Fall should it be determined that modifications are necessary. No fees were being proposed at this time during the soft rollout of the Ordinance regulations. Staff anticipated the Ordinance regulations would truly keep mobile businesses mobile and not stationary to one spot in the City.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3H (except 3C) were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-26, 2021-27, and 2021-28. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

Consent Calendar Item 3C (Second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-02) was approved by a separate vote. The recorded vote appears with this item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 16, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02 regulating mobile car washing for commercial purposes within the City by adding new Chapter 4-21 to Title 4 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code.

Action: Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-02.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2021-02. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Cordero and Councilmember Soto.

D. Adopt a Resolution approving the use of Fiscal Year 2021-22 HOME Investment Partnerships funding to be allocated to assist the City of Santa Maria's Tenant-Based Rental Assistance program and an affordable housing project in Santa Barbara County.

Action: HOME Investment Partnerships for TBRA Program.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-26. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution authorizing a right-of-way contract and Traffic Census Easement Deed with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for a portion of City property located at the east edge of Town Center West that fronts Broadway (SR-135) for the maintenance of an existing traffic census cabinet.

Action: Traffic Census Easement Deed with Caltrans approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-27. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving a lease agreement with Tesla, Inc., for a Supercharger Station.

Action: Tesla supercharging stations approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-28. 5-0.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

Mayor Patino switched the order of items on the agenda and invited staff to present Item 5A, the General Plan Update, next.

A. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE - VISION, GUIDING PRINCIPLES, AND AREAS OF CHANGE AND STABILITY.** The City Council considered the draft Vision, Guiding Principles and Areas of Change and Stability General Plan Update. Planning Division Manager Eady, and Ron Whitmore, with Raimi & Associates, Inc., gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Laurie Tamura reminded everyone that the Greenbelt Agreement that was adopted by the County of Santa Barbara, City of Guadalupe, City of Santa Maria, and approved by LAFCO some 30 years ago, could be advanced by the City Council. Opportunities for growth to the east or west would amend that agreement for the next 30 years. She suggested there be more clarification on page 3 where the existing General Plan policies and goals were provided - either by adding the dates of the first General Plan or deleting it altogether to avoid confusing readers.

Ken Hough, with the Santa Barbara County Action Network, expressed concern that some statements in the document seemed overly conclusive given that the document was a visioning plan at this point. He pointed out that the expansion of the City to the east and to the north, would impose on agricultural lands that the City strives to protect.

Action: General Plan *Vision, Guiding Principles and Areas of Change and Stability* adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **BLOCK GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.** The City Council considered the Block Grants Advisory Committee's recommendations for the allocation of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Community Development Block Grant Program funds; staff's recommendation for the Capital funds; and provided their allocations of $37,500 to public service programs. Community Programs Manager Rojo gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public input
Mayor Patino opened the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Patricia Solorio wrote in requesting that City Council keep non-profits at the top of the list when allocating funding.

Brian Hollander submitted his written comments on behalf of the Independent Living Resource Center.

Jennifer Smith wrote requesting approval of the proposed allocation for the Legal Aid Foundation.

Alexa Martin, Lauren Utterback, Brian Hollander, and Nicole Janikowski, with the Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC), explained what services ILRC offers and encouraged the City Council to use their discretionary funding to support the agency.

Sean Kellythorne spoke about the needs of seniors and asked that the City Council support ILRC.

Patricia Keelan, with CommUnify, spoke about their senior and meal-delivery programs and reiterated the agency's need for funding.

Edwin Weaver, with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, spoke about the agency and its accomplishments and requested that their proposed allocation be increased from $15,000 to $20,000.

Kirsten Calhoun, Director of Homeless Services for the Good Samaritan Shelter, thanked the Block Grants Advisory Committee and City Council for their efforts.

Steven DeLira, Executive Director with the Family Service Agency, asked that the City Council consider the agency when allocating their discretionary funding since the Agency was not being funded by recommendation of the Community for CDBG funding this year.

Mayor Patino closed the Public Hearing at 9:07 p.m.

The City Council approved the proposed funding allocations for Public Services: Foodbank ($20,000); Meals on Wheels ($20,000); Alliance for Pharmaceutical Access ($20,000); North County Rape Crisis Center ($15,000); Catholic Charities ($20,000); Domestic Violence Solutions ($15,000); Good Samaritan Shelter ($18,622); CALM ($15,000); Community Partners in Caring ($15,000); Legal Aid Foundation ($15,000); Fighting Back SMV ($15,000); Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara ($15,000).

The City Council approved the proposed funding allocations for Capital Projects: Recreation & Parks Department - Preisker Park ($517,380); Santa Maria ADA and Pedestrian Safety Project ($282,492); Wharf Hydrant Replacement Project ($135,000); CAPSLO ($75,000); Good Sam Kitchen & Dining Room Overflow Shelter Rehab ($95,000); TBRA Administration ($15,000).

Action: Committee and Staff-recommended funding allocations were approved. Councilmembers Waterfield and Cordero allocated $7,500 each to CommUnify. Councilmembers Soto and Escobedo allocated $7,500 each to ILRC. Mayor Patino allocated $7,500 to Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be on April 20, 2021. Items on the agenda would include the Award of Bid No. 2020/05 North Blosser Road Improvement Project and a Public Hearing for the recent User Fee Study.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a United Way Board meeting; a Sustainable Energy for the Central Coast meeting; the Police Department's recent promotional swearing-in ceremony; and the pinwheel planting for Child Abuse Awareness month.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the Airport District meeting; a meeting with mobile car wash business owners; a racial justice committee meeting; and the Migrant Educational Academy.

Councilmember Waterfield did not have any reportable AB1234 meetings.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the grand opening of Acquistapace Park and the Migrant Educational Academy.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a State Council meeting on developmental disabilities; a couple of County legislative briefings; a Marian Regional Medical Center healthcare roundtable; a California Cities Channel Counties division meeting; the grand opening of Acquistapace Park; and the Pinwheel planting for Child Abuse Awareness month.

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ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on April 20, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

4/23/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria